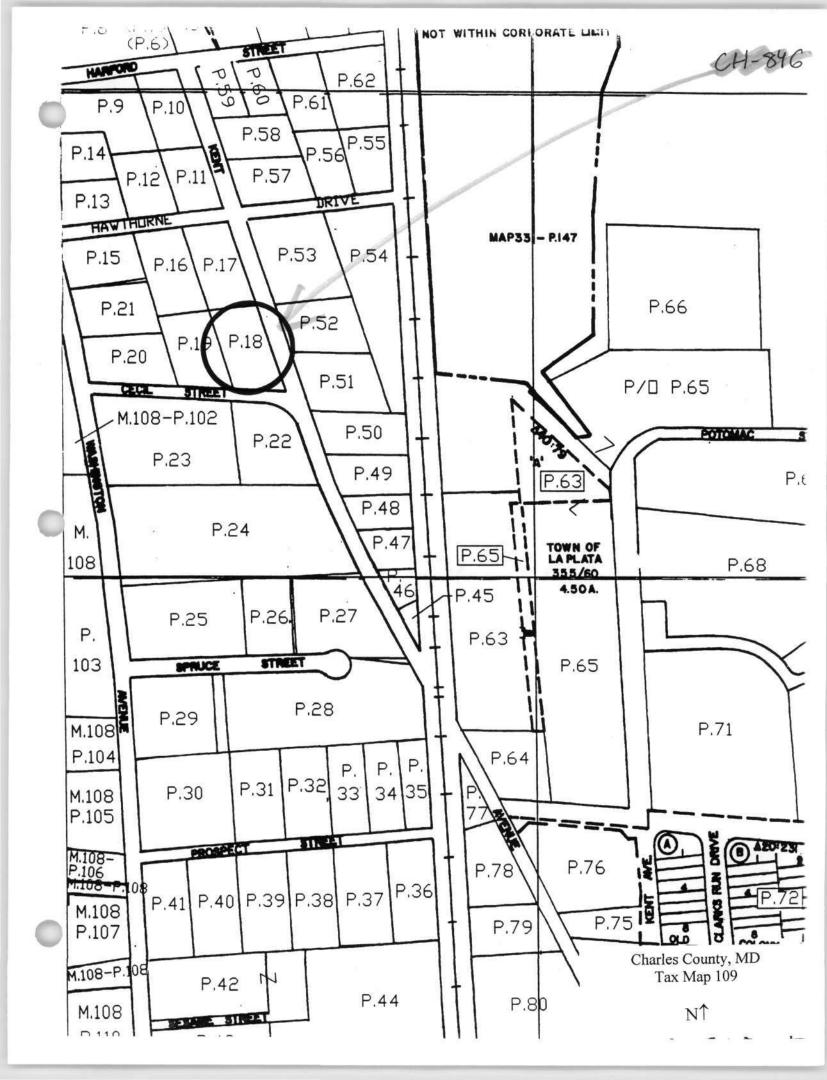
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Inventory Number: WASSA CH-846
Address: 304 Cecil Street, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata
Owner: Unknown
Tax Parcel Number: 18 Tax Map Number: 109
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no _ yes Name: Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommendedX
CriteriaABCD Considerations:ABCDEFG _X None
Is property located within a historic district?: X no _ yes Name of District:
Is district listed?: X no _ yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
304 Cecil Street is a one-and-one-half-story, wood frame dwelling with a steeply pitched side gable roof. The house is asymmetrical and, on the primary elevation (south), has a steeply pitched cross gable projection and a front brick chimney with stone accents. An attached garage, slightly set back from the main elevation (south), forms the west elevation of the house. A small section of the roof continues above the front entrance forming a hood, which is supported by decorative brackets. The main entrance is adjacent to the chimney and has a brick surround.
Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.
World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW Eligibility recommended Criteria: _ A _ B _ C _ D Consideration _ A _ B _ C _ D _ E _ F _ G _ None
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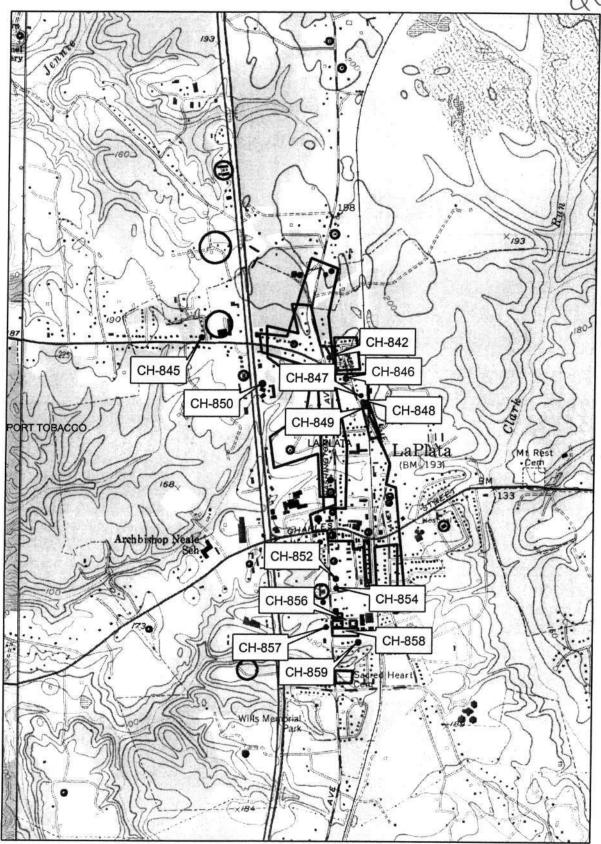
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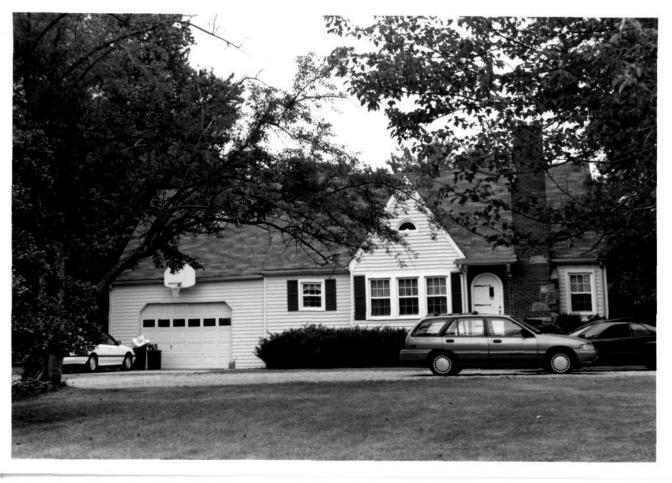
development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travelrelated services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1935, this Tudor Revival-style house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development within La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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View of South Elevation